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1. Kurt Benedikt, local editor of the Communist Party paper Neue Zeit, Linz-Urfahr, and a functionary of the Free Austrian Youth (FOeJ) said that Sepp Brandner, Upper Austrian Youth leader, had recently been in Vienna to attend a meeting at which important plans for future FOeJ activities were mapped and an agreement was reached to initiate training soon for party police functions of Muehviertel FOeJ members of both sexes. These young people undergo some sort of auxiliary police training, rather than military training.

Benedikt also said that youths will be trained for active commitment at electoral assemblies of rival parties (Free Austrian Youth raiding squads). Plans are primarily to train girls for such commitment. The training is scheduled to be conducted in the FOeJ home at Kirchschiag.

2. The FOeJ plans to send large youth groups to the people's democracies, such as Hungary and Czechoslovakia, where they will stay in camps with other Communist Youth organization members. It is also planned to send meritorious FOeJ members to the Soviet Union for a four-week stay.
3. Benedikt stated that the Soviets in Vienna had established a special youth section to aid the FOeJ in its "democratic fight". Several propaganda pamphlets are being prepared and will be printed in Vienna.

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Activation in the western federal provinces of Austria of Free Austrian Youth raiding squads will meet with difficulties, as comrades are likely to become compromised.

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